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## Around The Army

### West Point:

The Pointer View reported Oct. 15 that Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr., superintendent, and members of the U.S. Military Academy staff met with local community leaders Oct. 13 to discuss the possibility of West Point providing water for the Town of Highlands and the Village of Highland Falls.

Lennox emphasized his commitment to help the local community obtain water resources.

Of concern to area officials is the presence of methyl tertiary-butyl ether in local wells, the water source for many residents.

The gasoline additive, MTBE, is believed to have entered the water supply via leaks in gasoline storage tanks.

The Town of Highlands is currently in litigation with a major gasoline supplier over the contamination.

For more about this story and other West Point news, visit [www.pointerview.com](http://www.pointerview.com) on the Web.

### Fort Eustis:

The Wheel reported Oct. 14 that the Gary Michael Holloway Military Housing company held its first mass lease signing at Fort Eustis Oct. 12 and at Fort Story Oct. 7.

This is one of the major steps toward improved on-post housing for Soldiers and their families on both installations.

The actual construction and renovations for the 50-year housing contract on both forts officially begins Nov. 1.

The new houses will have several advantages over the current housing on both posts.

Advantages will include more square footage and more bedrooms with all new appliances, and the housing areas will include neighborhood centers, playgrounds, resident programs and laundry areas.

GMH also plans to improve the existing housing and will install new landscaping, including planting flowers this spring.

For more on this story and other Fort Eustis news, visit [www.militarynews.com/wheel/](http://www.militarynews.com/wheel/) on the Web.

### Fort Riley:

A 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Soldier was arrested in Riley County Oct. 16 for a murder in Chicago, Ill.

Arrested was Spc. Pierre M. Cole, 22, of Chicago. Cole is a mechanic with the battalion's Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Cole joined the Army in January 2002. He came to Fort Riley in September 2002.

He deployed with his unit in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in September 2003 and returned September 2004.

He was on leave from his unit when the incident occurred.

The arrest stems from a homicide that occurred Oct. 14 in Chicago. The Chicago Police Department requested assistance from the Riley County Police Department.

Cole is being held by Riley County.

The case is under investigation.

## Soldiers fight with frozen chickens

Fort Riley unit uses food to win hearts, minds of local Iraqi populace

By Erik LeDrew  
122nd MPAD

AL THAWRA DISTRICT, Baghdad, Iraq — Although these Soldiers usually patrol a southern portion of Baghdad's slum commonly called Sadr City searching for insurgent activity of the Muq-

tada militia, they did something entirely different on Oct. 6 — they handed out chickens.

Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, attached to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, passed out 300 frozen chickens to residents along a road in their sector that is

notoriously the poorest area in Baghdad.

"We distributed the 300 chickens we had in less than half an hour," said 1st Lt. David Riggs, a platoon leader with Company B, and a Dixie, Tenn., native.

After a truck brought the boxes of chickens packed in ice to a

staging point near a major thoroughfare in the district, the Soldiers divided the chickens among their vehicles and drove off to the area they had designated for delivery.

When they arrived, the local residents began peeking their heads out of the houses, trying to

get a glimpse of what the Soldiers might be doing.

As soon as one Soldier opened a box and said "chicken," he was swarmed by Iraqi children.

At first, the Soldiers went door-to-door, handing chickens to the Iraqi females to ensure that fami-

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## Practice flight

### KU students begin tests for research

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

Graduate students from the University of Kansas came to Fort Riley Oct. 8 to fly their \$100,000-plus unmanned aerial vehicle — a remotely controlled helicopter almost as tall as a man — at Marshall Army Air Field.

The KU aerospace engineering department and Fort Riley have a strategic partnership for researchers to use the post's restricted air space.

The students said they would be conducting experiments that would be virtually impossible in open air space.

Those experiments include using a high altitude balloon and flying an unmanned aerial vehicle, or UAV. UAVs, which resemble big model airplanes, are flown by ground operators using remote control systems.

Members from KU approached Fort Riley about a year and a half ago with a proposal to use the air space for experiments.

"They have to use the airfield because there's no place else they could legally fly. The main thing is that we're on a military facility, so we're flying under their direction and regulations," said Tom Egbert of Omaha, an experienced radio-controlled helicopter pilot who assists graduate students Lance Holly and Dave Borys.

Because of the potential dangers associated with flying a UAV in open air space used by other aircraft, the researchers would need a chase plane — a manned aircraft — to follow the UAV, Mattingly said.

However, on Fort Riley a chase plane is not needed because civilian aircraft gener-



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Lance Holly (left), Tom Egbert (center) and Dave Borys fly their Unmanned Aerial Vehicle at Marshall Army Air Field to become more familiar with the aircraft before conducting research experiments with it.

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## Traffic spikes require caution

Some drivers claim tires damaged

J.D. Hardesty  
Staff writer

Cautious drivers should experience no problems when crossing the "dragon's teeth" traffic controller spike strips placed at most major exit points at Fort Riley, but some tires have been damaged.

More than 5,000 vehicles daily cross the spikes while exiting the installation, according to information provided by the Provost Marshal's Office. A small number of spike accidents have occurred in the past few months.

During the 20-plus months the spike strips have been used, "less than five tire-damage claims have

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## BOSS 'prez' No. 1 in Army

DA says post program best

By J.D. Hardesty  
Staff writer

Fort Riley's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program received two Department of the Army awards at the group's annual conference recently in Alexandria, Va.

Spc. Jason Dunlap, president of the Fort Riley organization, was named BOSS President of the Year and the post received first place in Best BOSS program for a medium-size installation.

Dunlap humbly deferred personal credit for being honored as the Army's top BOSS president. "It's the Soldiers on Fort Riley that make our program such a success. I just happened to be sitting in the driver's seat."

The BOSS program encourages and assists single Soldiers in identifying and planning recreational and leisure activities. It

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## MP company deploys to Iraq again

Six-month tour will be second for unit in past 18 months

By J.D. Hardesty  
Staff writer

About 120 977th Military Police Company Soldiers at Fort Riley deployed to Iraq Oct. 18 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They are scheduled to relieve the 339th Military Police Company based in Davenport, Iowa.

Fellow Soldiers, their families and friends gathered for a deployment ceremony Oct. 15 at Calvary Parade Field on Fort Riley.

Nearly 70 percent of the 977th Soldiers, nicknamed the Raiders, will conduct detainee operations and establish fixed security opera-

tions in the Baghdad area.

The law enforcement unit returns to Iraq for six months to support the Global War on Terrorism. It will be the unit's second tour in Iraq in the past 18 months. The earlier tour ran from April 2003 to April 2004.

The deployment will be the first for one law enforcement officer, however.

"This is the first time I will be asked to do my job and serve my country," said Staff Sgt. Paul Cormier, a law enforcement officer for the unit. He said the only regret he has is leaving his wife, Laurie, and three children.



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Family, friends and comrades gather Oct. 15 to honor the approximately 120 977th MP Co. Soldiers deploying to Iraq.

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"I'm proud but sad," Laurie Cormier said about her husband's deployment. "I know this is what he has to do, what he wants to do." The staff sergeant's family will remain in the local area because "the less we do to interrupt the children's lives the better," she said.

Another MP said he doesn't know what to expect, "but I'm looking forward to getting my turn and letting someone else's son or daughter return home," said Pfc. Andre Gonzales. He will be leaving his wife and three daughters again.

Gonzales was deployed to the Balkans before being assigned to the 977th 45 days ago.

"While I have mixed feelings about his going to Iraq," Loan Gonzales said of her husband's deployment, "he wanted to go for a long time, so I support him. I just want all of them to be safe."

"The Soldiers and families are doing the tough task today. On short notice, they are doing our nation's calling," said Col. John

Simpson, Fort Riley's garrison commander. "We stand on historic ground as many a Soldier over the last 150 years stood here preparing for war."

"We know freedom isn't free," Simpson said. "Every Soldier that serves today in Iraq has made America safer by his or her willingness to serve. Remember the Soldier's Creed: You are an American Soldier, you are part of a team, you live the Army values, you will never accept defeat, never quit and never leave a fallen comrade."

Last year, the company deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to provide security and law and order in Iraq. During that deployment, the MPs worked at one of the detention camps belonging to the multinational forces in southern Iraq, where they guarded more than 2,000

In addition to those military police duties, the 977th trained 4,000 Iraqi police, conducted two police academies, refurbished 12

police stations and provided traffic checks.

Before deploying, the 977th Soldiers received detainee and prisoner handling training from the 342nd Military Police Company, a Columbus, Ohio, escort guard unit mobilized at Fort Riley that worked with prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

They also received training from the Fort Riley's Staff Judge Advocate's Office on provisions of the Geneva and Hague conventions.

"You will be operating in an environment that is volatile, uncertain, long lasting and dangerous," said Lt. Col. Anthony Zabek, the installation's provost marshal and commander of the 924th Military Police Battalion. "As you leave Fort Riley, keep in mind you are a Soldier, you are the guardians of freedom."

"Raiders, I have no doubt that you will perform your mission with distinction and honor," Zabek said. "The mission of our Army is to fight and win our

nation's wars. This is a non-negotiable contract between our nation and our armed forces."

The 977th has fulfilled the nation's contract numerous times. After being inactivated after World War II, the 977th MP Co. was reactivated Nov. 1, 1970, at Fort Riley and is currently assigned to the 924th MP Bn.

During its Fort Riley tenure, the 977th MPs have supported the Cuban Refugee Camp at Fort Chaffee, Ark., performed physical and convoy security in Honduras; were part of Joint Task Force Panama; participated in Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield; served in Operation Restore and Continue Hope in Somalia, Africa; deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from January to June 1995; and took part in Operation Joint Guard in Bosnia-Herzegovina and in several operations in Egypt.

Elements of the 977th supported Operation Noble Eagle in Washington, D.C., and Operation Desert Spring in Kuwait.



Pfc. Andre Gonzales, a military policeman with 977th Military Police Company, holds his daughters (left to right) Nirvana, 1, Amani, 3, and Dream, 6, during the unit's deployment ceremony Oct. 15. The 977th MP Co., Raiders are deploying to Iraq for six months, their second deployment to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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been filed with the Staff Judge Advocate's Office," said Maj. David Velloney, deputy staff judge advocate.

Engineered Parking Systems headquartered in Valencia, Calif., manufactures traffic controller strips like those used at Fort Riley gates.

To avoid possible tire damage when driving across the spike strips, the manufacturer's operating guidance recommends, "crossing the spikes at a 90-degree angle and no faster than 5 mph."

Vehicles crossing the spike strips at an angle other than 90 degrees may cause damage to sidewalls of tires.

The Provost Marshal's Office is putting up 5 mph signs near the spike strips to caution drivers.

"Dragon's teeth," "tiger strips" or "traffic controllers" are three common names describing the spike strips used "to prevent

unauthorized vehicles from entering the post (through the exit lane)," said Lt. Col. Anthony Zabek, post provost marshal.

"Spike strips are a small part of our installation's security," said Staff Sgt. Larry Frady, access control point supervisor. "For driver safety, Public Works personnel inspect and maintain the spike strips daily to insure they function properly."

"If a vehicle's tires are immediately damaged by the spikes, drivers need to file a report with gate security officials or get witnesses' written statements to verify damage," Velloney said.

"If the damage occurs later, drivers may still file a claim, however they need to show the spikes caused the damage. We take every claim seriously and process them quickly," he said.

Once the Staff Judge Advocate's Office approves paying the claim and it is entered into the Defense Finance and Accounting System, "Claims may be paid fast, but it can take up to 30 days or longer to receive payment," said Stan Tilley, chief, Managerial Accounting Division for the Directorate of Resource Management.

"The (post) finance office's system isn't capable of cutting a check and making immediate restitution," he said.

"Given the post's security requirements, (the spikes) serve a

good purpose," Zabek said.

"I've had Soldiers, civilians and family members talk about access control gate security when I'm out in the community," Zabek said.

"To me, the Fort Riley community has a good understanding of force protection and force security," Zabek said.

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## Post news in brief

### Activities plan CFC events

Public Works Housing will have a chili dog feed Oct. 22 with all donations going to the annual Combined Federal Campaign. For more information, call Patsy Pence at 239-6936.

The Directorate of Environment and Safety plans a chili cook-off contest and silent auction Oct. 29 to raise funds for CFC. For more information, call Anne Woodmansee at 239-0425.

### Thomas new first sergeant

First Sgt. Lisa Thomas assumed responsibilities as first sergeant for the 172nd Chemical Company during an Oct. 21 ceremony at Pacesetter Field on Custer Hill. She formerly served as noncommissioned officer in charge of S3 operations for the 937th Engineer Battalion on post.

She succeeds 1st Sgt. Fredrick Hinton, who moves to a lateral assignment with the 937th Eng. Gp.

### Center slates group training

Family assistance and point of contact training will be conducted from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 4 for new points of contact volunteers within Family Readiness Groups. Instruction will cover resources available on Fort Riley and how to use those resources to help families within the FRG.

FRG Leader Basic Training will be conducted from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 9 for new FRG leaders and unit commanders. Instruction will cover the do's and don'ts of operating an effective FRG.

Both classes will be held at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264. Free childcare is available for anyone attending the classes. Pre-

registration is required for the class and childcare. Call 239-9435 to register.

### Green Berets briefings set

The Army's Special Forces is a strategic, multi-purpose force capable of rapid response to various contingencies around the world.

Called "Green Berets," these highly skilled Soldiers are trained in unconventional warfare, foreign internal defense, direct action, special reconnaissance, combating terrorism, information operations and counter-proliferation.

Special Forces Soldiers also are diplomats and teachers who are trained in foreign languages and are called on to teach military skills to people around the world.

Soldiers interested in applying for Special Forces training may attend briefings at noon and 4 p.m. Nov. 2-4 at the Post Retention Office, Building 7626.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Bill Roepe at (719) 524-1461 or (877) 840-8499.

### Baylor assumes unit command

Capt. Edward L. Huddleston assumed command of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 541st Maintenance Battalion, during a change of command ceremony Oct. 19 at Pacesetter Field on Custer Hill.

He succeeds Capt. Keith O. Baylor, who assumed command of the detachment on Sept. 26, 2003, while in Iraq.

Huddleston previously served as the deputy support operations officer for 541st Maint. Bn.

Baylor has been selected for assignment to the Army Acquisition Corps and will be moving to Fort Lee, Va., to assume a job as an assistant project manager for CSS electronic systems.

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also generates opportunities to participate in community-service programs.

The program also allows single Soldiers to identify quality of life issues and concerns and recommend improvements through the installation chain of command.

"Fort Riley's success is a combination of hosting more events and meeting the needs of Soldiers," Dunlap said. "We try to have something of interest for everyone, but it takes people getting involved for the program to truly work."

The Fort Riley BOSS program hosts several events monthly. Dunlap said the focus of BOSS is on single Soldiers even though "we have several married couples participate in our trips and events," he said. "Basically, the entire program is about Soldiers."

Dunlap explained that what separates Fort Riley's Boss program from programs at other installations isn't his leadership as much as "it's how many events and trips are provided here. We try to offer a couple of things every month, but we are able to offer more events and trips in the summer months," he said. "We're able to expose people to something new."

The BOSS program sponsored trips to Orlando, Fla., St. Louis, skiing and white-water rafting in Colorado, cruises, Worlds of Fun amusement park, and Kansas City Royals and Chiefs games, Dunlap said. He said there also is Soldier interest in a skydiving trip.

In the past year, BOSS has hosted the Battle of the Bands, Valentine's Day singing grams and a Gong Show. It will host a haunted house on post Oct. 28-30.

Planned upcoming events include first-of-the-month shopping trips to Kansas City, Christmas tree lighting and a Christmas

party at Rally Point in December. Two ski trips are planned in January.

The most important issue separating Fort Riley's BOSS program from other installation's programs is philosophy, according to Dunlap.

"A lot of other BOSS presidents look at something big and see why they can't do it," he said. "Our philosophy is to look at something big and see how we can make it happen. The program honestly improves troop morale and helps Soldiers be a part of the community," he said.

Fort Riley's BOSS program is designed to have two-way communication, Dunlap said. "If Soldiers have an idea for an event or trip, the unit reps vote in committee. If it is approved, we try to make it happen."

Initially Fort Riley's BOSS program was small with a budget of \$3,000. The program has grown in the past eight years and operates with a current budget of \$50,000. More than 2,000 Soldiers and family members take part in BOSS activities.

Dunlap explained that the budget increase comes from fees the organization charges for some of its events. "All monies raised are put back into the program," he said, "allowing us to offset some event costs and offer more opportunities for more Soldiers."

Deployments during the past year have reduced the number of people attending BOSS events.

Dunlap, who has served as president of the organization for nearly two years, said he is leaving the Army in early November. Spc. Dwayne Allen, a former BOSS unit rep and electronic military personnel records specialist with the 15th Personnel Services Battalion, will replace Dunlap at the BOSS program's helm.

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# Futures Center working initiatives for Iraq application

By Leah Rubalcaba  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The new Spiral Developments Division of the Army's "Futures Center" at Fort Monroe, Va., is working on two initiatives its director hopes may soon help Soldiers deployed in Iraq.

The RAM Counterstrike Capa-

bility is being designed to protect troops against rockets, artillery and mortars. A Soldier Squad Radio that can transmit through dense urban buildings, officials said, may soon be available for use at the squad level.

"In this insurgent warfare that we're dealing with today, mortar attacks are a growing trend in theater," said Col. Daniel Wolfe,

director of the Spiral Developments Division.

Wolfe's division is looking at a counterstrike capability that aims to knock down incoming mortar rounds and locate the insurgents and send out unmanned aerial vehicles armed with Viper Strike munitions.

"We are looking at some testing for intercept capability in the

near future," Wolfe said. "There are existing radars that can detect a mortar round from where it was fired, which should allow us to predict with great accuracy where it came from and where it will land based on its trajectory."

Wolfe described their challenge as taking the information and rapidly directing it to an armed Hunter UAV to provide the

counter strike.

When Wolfe's Spiral Development Division was organized earlier this summer, it began a "capabilities gap analysis" to identify shortfalls in current force capabilities.

To address a gap in communications, especially in urban areas, the division has focused on an off-the-shelf solution: the ICOM F-43

radio.

Communications among squad members and the platoon leader is critical as they navigate from building to building in the urban fight, Wolfe said. There is a need for radio signals to go through walls and ... the signal needs to flow easily in the built-up areas," he said. The ICOM F-43 appears to be a possible solution, he said.

Kansas University grad student Lance Holly (left) and Tom Egbert of Omaha prepare their unmanned aerial vehicle for familiarization flights Oct. 8 at Marshall Army Air Field.

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ally do not fly in Fort Riley's restricted air space.

"We have a special-use air space, or restricted area, here. If you operate in this restricted area, you can do whatever you want to do."

"That restricted area keeps civilian aircraft out, because there are bombs, artillery, aerobatic maneuvers and other stuff going on out there," he said.

Fort Riley was the nearest restricted air space area to Lawrence, Mattingly said.

Oct. 8 was the researchers' first trip to Fort Riley. With just seven hours of total flight time with the UAV, their goal was to become more familiar with the aircraft before conducting actual research.

Marshall Army Air Field was a great place to fly the UAV, Holly said.

"It's perfect. We lifted off and Tom goes, 'What a great place to fly!' This is more than enough space you need to do a helicopter," he said.

While the military does use

UAVs for a variety of operations, including flying over enemy territory, Fort Riley isn't directly involved in such operations.

However, helping students conduct research that could make these vehicles more reliable and efficient makes the partnership worthwhile, Mattingly said.

"We're helping these guys get an education. Maybe one of these days the guys will be able to come back and use the technology they're developing now and help somebody out," he said.

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lies would be the recipients.

That soon became unnecessary, and almost impossible, because of the increasing crowds of people.

Most of the Soldiers handed the chickens from their vehicles to avoid being swamped, but a few chose to mingle with the people instead, running from house to house with a crowd of children in tow — or even sometimes hang-

ing from their shoulders.

"The kids that live along that road are really nice," said Claremore, Okla., native Capt. Chuck Slagle, Company B's commander.

For the kids, the humanitarian mission was all fun and games. Dozens of them chased after the Soldiers who were handing the chickens out on foot, laughing and smiling, jumping on the Sol-

diers if they stayed in one place too long.

It was an uncommon sight in a part of Baghdad that has become known for its violence and insurgent support.

Because of the on-going efforts of the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team, the violence is on the decline.

"We've gotten attacked with a

few RPGs [rocket-propelled grenades] while patrolling that street a few times," Slagle said, "but it's not the people that live there."

"It's groups of guys that drive over here to specifically ambush us," he said.

"And we have never encountered an [improvised explosive device] there," he added.

Thirty minutes after they began, the chickens were gone. All that was left were empty boxes, most shredded by the groping hands of the Iraqi children.

"They really needed that," Slagle said.

"That is one of the worst places in our sector," he said.

"I just wish we could've had more chickens," Slagle added.

"We didn't make it ... as far down the road as I would've liked."

Slagle said other simple projects are in the works for this troubled area of Baghdad, such as handing out sheep or dates during Ramadan.

"Missions like this are fun. It's good that we can do a little something nice for these people," Riggs said.

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# Commentary

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## Riley Roundtable

### This week's question:

Based on your recent concerns, what do you think the Post should ask Soldiers, family members and civilian employees while doing the Riley Roundtable interviews?



Ronette Berning  
Red Cross volunteer  
Spouse of a senior NCO

"We just got back from Germany and were surprised to see so much support for spouses at Fort Riley. A lot of the support comes from the civilian community. I'd like to know what makes Fort Riley and Junction City so much more supportive than other places we've been."



Sps. Robert Dickerson III  
Tanker  
1st Bn., 34th Armor  
Home: Baltimore, Md.

"I've just returned from Iraq. I'd like to know what the Army is doing for the families of Soldiers killed in action. I had some buddies killed over there."



Mary Hoyle  
Child Development Center  
employee and  
Army spouse  
Home: Dixon, Ill.

"We just got here a couple months ago, but we were here before for five years and will retire here in about a year. I have no real concerns. I've been really happy here."



Sgt. Cheryl Thomas  
Training NCO  
596th Sig. Co.  
Home: Hattiesburg, Mo.

"I'd like to know why lower enlisted Soldiers can't get on-post housing. How can E-4s and below stretch their money to pay for renting off-post and buy other things they need, like a car?"

"I'd like to know how much time I'm going to have to spend with my family before I go to Iraq again. I just got back, and I deployed one month after I got married. My daughter was born while I was there."

Pfc. Oscar Manrique  
Tank turret mechanic  
101st FSB  
Home: Fontana, Calif.

### Next week's question:

What is your biggest safety concern on Fort Riley and why?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at [mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil](mailto:mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil) or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

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### Mental health

## Avoid regret, pay attention to signals

By Debralee P. Crankshaw  
Guest Commentary

### Possible indicators of suicide

#### Actions:

- \* Giving away possessions
- \* Withdrawal from family, friends, school or work
- \* Loss of interest in hobbies
- \* Abuse of alcohol or drugs
- \* Reckless behavior
- \* Extreme behavior changes
- \* Impulsivity
- \* Self-mutilation

#### Feelings:

- \* Desperation
- \* Anger
- \* Guilt
- \* Worthlessness
- \* Loneliness
- \* Sadness
- \* Hopelessness
- \* Helplessness

#### Physical:

- \* Lack of interest in appearance

- \* Change/loss in sex interest
- \* Disturbed sleep
- \* Change/loss of appetite, weight
- \* Physical health complaints

#### Thoughts:

- \* "All of my problems will end soon."
- \* "No one can do anything to help me now."
- \* "Now I know what they were going through."
- \* "I just can't take it any more."
- \* "I wish I were dead."
- \* "Everyone will be better off without me."
- \* "I won't be needing these things anymore."
- \* "I can't do anything right."
- \* "I just can't keep my thoughts straight anymore."

The silence is deafening to me - even in my own family. Every time I walk into the room he died in, I still can't talk about Uncle Bill.

My family doesn't share memories about things he did. Even when he died the subject seemed taboo. My parents sat us down and explained what happened and asked if we had any questions. After that day, neither of them mentioned it.

It seems eerie to me. A person may touch many lives, but if they commit suicide others seem to 'forget' them. It's like Bill's always in the back of my mind, but there is too much shock for other people to hear about him.

But with the knowledge the Army has given me, I am beginning to feel more comfortable about it. The Army educates its Soldiers to recognize and prevent suicide. Most people in the civilian world aren't educated to know what to look for.

I think ignorance increases the pain and shame. Survivors feel guilty and ashamed because they didn't see it coming, but perhaps they weren't given the knowledge they needed.

I hope through the education the Army has given me and my experience with suicide, I can recognize if people close to me are feeling like my uncle did. Perhaps I can do something to prevent them from taking their life.

Uncle Bill has made me realize something through all the time I've had to mull it over - no matter how strong and capable you think someone is, they still need to see your love and support.

Sometimes they need a hand out of the ditch they've found themselves in.

friends my house was haunted because my uncle committed suicide in the basement. I'd take them downstairs and he'd let me in on a little secret. He said if anyone ever asked me to split M&Ms with me by color to pick brown because most of the M&Ms were brown.

My uncle Bill was 45 at the time of his death. He was a Vietnam veteran. He seemed happy and adjusting well to the divorce. He was a father, a son, a brother and an uncle. And out of all of us that loved him, we didn't see it coming. I still wonder "what if?" Could I have stopped it?

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before green M&Ms, back when there were two shades of brown. And as I was sitting next to him, just he and I, he told me he'd let me in on a little secret. He said if anyone ever asked me to split M&Ms with me by color to pick brown because most of the M&Ms were brown.

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### Family wellness

## Marriage requires passion, some time

By Chap. Raymond Folsom  
1st Battalion, 50th Infantry

Passion is a wonderful word. With passion, there is a sense of excitement, dedication, romance and a zeal for life. It is a word that you can apply to just about anything.

You can have passion for a person, justice, shopping, an idea, for your job, a hobby or life itself.

When you are passionate about someone or something, you are excited.

Passion is the sugar in your tea or the gas in your car. Passion in your marriage is as important as air, water and food to live. Passion is what keeps your marriage alive and exciting.

To keep passion in your marriage, your spouse must be the center of attention — you know, the way he or she was when you first met. I find developing a special dating life helps keep things hot.

There are several key elements for developing a passionate dating life.

First, listen. Pay attention to your spouse's dreams, likes or dislikes in detail. Write them down, so you do not forget. If there are any questions, do not be afraid to ask.

Second, learn. Talk to other people and learn from their experiences. The wise person can learn from others. Know what works and what does not work.

Third, be creative. Take time to create your own dates. Work through the date from the beginning to the end.

Several months ago I took my wife to Cancun, Mexico. I arranged for flowers in the room with an "I love you" card. I also made arrangements for dance classes.

The best part was that it was a surprise. She did not have a clue until we got to the airport. I planned it for months, and we had a great time.

We needed that time together because of the Army's demands for our time.

Editor's note: This commentary is reprinted from the June 4 Fort Benning, Ga., Bayonet.

### Grunt By Wayne Udden



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## Post news in brief

### Post maneuver areas off limits

A live-fire exercise will put maneuver areas E, H, K, L, M, O and P off limits Oct. 26-28.

Also, old Highway 82 from 1st Division Road (Trainfire Road) west to the post boundary, parts of old Highway 77 and 1st Division Road from north of Range 7 to old Highway 82 will be off limits.

Hunters and fishermen should stay out of these areas.

### College grad ceremony set

Fort Riley military members, family members and civilian employees who are graduates of local college or SOCAD college programs are being invited to participate in the postwide graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. Dec. 9 in King Field House. For more information, call 239-6481.

### Vinton School Road closing

Beginning Oct. 22, military police will establish a security checkpoint at the intersection of Vinton School Road and 1st Division Road.

The checkpoint is being created to help secure the northern border of the post.

A properly registered vehicle and a range pass will be required to enter the post and privately owned vehicles entering the installation through the security

check point are subject to search.

Drivers in vehicles without a pass will be subject to a fine.

Also, the Mallon Road gate at Vinton School Road will be closed.

The checkpoint on Vinton School Road will be a security checkpoint, not an access control point.

Fort Riley has seven access control points. Visitors are encouraged to use the access control points at Henry Drive, Huebner Road and Trooper Drive.

### ID card center restricts service

The ID card center will be closed to the public on the following dates except for emergencies: Oct. 22, 26 and 27.

For more information, call Gary K. Morris at 239-5667 or 239-9202.

### CBS changes 'In Step' times

Programming conflicts with CBS will change the time "In Step with Fort Riley" airs on some Sundays through Dec. 19.

Instead of its normally scheduled slot of 7 a.m., the show will air at the following times and dates.

The Dec. 5 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 4.

The Dec. 12 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 11.

The Dec. 19 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 18.

# 3rd Brigade loads for NTC

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

More than 2,500 Soldiers from Fort Riley's 3rd Brigade Combat Team will be training at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. for a month.

Brigade Soldiers loaded more than 500 vehicles onto rail cars Oct. 16-19, said Maj. Clark Taylor, S3 for 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, and officer-in-charge of rail loading for the brigade.

While deploying units generally begin preparing for rail loading four months in advance, these Soldiers only received 45 days notice, said Capt. Daniel Getchell, assistant S3 for 4th Bn., 1st FA.

"Since four months out, we were just getting off of block leave. None of our equipment had arrived yet. We couldn't exactly plan because a lot of rail load operations are based on what you're going to take. We didn't even know what was coming back," he said.

Despite the short notice, Getchell said the rail loading went well.

"Everybody's been very flexible. It's been a challenge for the leadership to get the Soldiers in place, but the Soldiers are doing what they can on their part," he

said.

This rotation to NTC will be unlike any a unit from Fort Riley has experienced in the past, Taylor said. Unlike the past, when NTC was based on conventional war, with two armored forces battling each other, training this time will be geared specifically to what goes on in Iraq.

"We don't need to train the way we used to train, because we're not fighting the way we thought we were going to fight," Taylor said.

The training, called Mission Readiness Evaluation, or MRE, will be more beneficial for Soldiers who will deploy to Iraq, Getchell said.

"Instead of what we've done the past 20 years or so, we're taking a simulation of what we faced last year, altering to what the guys are facing this year," he said. "So not only do we have to fight a regular standard battle, which is only supposed to go for a week, but then we have to go through and occupy our forward operating bases and actually conduct missions from them and go talk with local individuals."

Because of the increased interaction with civilians, Soldiers will be working on our diplomatic skills as well, Getchell said.



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A 4th Bn., 1st FA, Soldier guides the driver of a truck onto a rail car Oct. 19, as the unit loaded its equipment for transport to the National Training Center.

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# MEDDAC judges guidon know-how

By J.D. Hardesty  
Staff writer

Four Medical Department Activity Soldiers at Fort Riley faced the scrutiny of five judges in MEDDAC's first guidon competition Oct. 14 in the company area near Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Pfc. Lola Logan, Department of Surgery, Dermatology; Pfc.

Christopher Kroll, the command sergeant major's driver; Pfc. Andre Jeffreys, a patient administrative specialist, and Spc. Armando Delgado, a pharmacy technician, took it upon themselves to compete in the five categories used to measure each Soldier's bearing, knowledge and performance.

The winner will remain a mystery until an announcement is made at the unit's awards banquet

Nov. 5.

The only guidance given Soldiers who would compete was what Army Regulation they needed to review. "They made the rest happen," said Kevin Palk, one of the judges and chief ward master for Irwin Army Community Hospital's Health Services Division Staff Sgt. Charlotte Taylor, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the hospital's Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat Section, set

up the competition to demand more than guidon handling skills. The competitors were individually inspected, judged on stationary movements, asked 10 guidon and flag regulations questions during an oral board, required to perform marching movements with the guidon and judged on a "freestyle" segment open to each competitor's interpretation and skill.

Taylor put the competition together on her own time, developed evaluation sheets for each category and conducted a "walk through" with the judges to create a standard for grading. MEDDAC departments supplied senior enlisted judges for the event.

Three of the competitors choreographed their freestyle segments, twirling the guidon or using it as a weapon. Kroll, who set his freestyle steps to music, said, "I entered this competition for one reason - the minimum is never enough. I choose to lead from the front. To have competed is to have tried. To have won is to have accomplished."

Logan, with the guidon by her side, showcased her freestyle talents with an original poem titled "The Guidon and I." A poignant and stirring example of her recital dealt with a guidon bearer's charge as she said, "The guidon is much more than a flag with sharp points at both ends of a stick, it represents that troop, that company, that battery, their fears, their weaknesses, their strengths. The guidon represents the will of the mind when the body would rather not try. It represents your tears,

your soul, your blood, your great sacrifice."

Several MEDDAC Soldiers looked on as each competitor demonstrated his or her skill. MEDDAC's commander, Col. Marilyn Brooks, attended to lend her support.

"These Soldiers have what it takes to lead," Brooks said. "They all did a fine job, and I'm proud of them."

The commander wasn't the only one impressed with the Soldiers' performances.

According to MEDDAC Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Stuart, the competition was designed to "bring esprit de corps, team building and increase morale" to MEDDAC Soldiers.

"The Soldiers displayed initiative, drive and desire," Stuart said. "They were willing to step out from the ranks with their peers and display their bearing, appearance, knowledge, attention to detail and ability. They emulate

the Irwin Army Community Hospital motto: 'Soldier Better.'"

"These four Soldiers are head and shoulders above their peer group," said 1st Sgt. Forik McDougald. "They stepped up to the challenge and performed well."

Master Sgt. David Heidebrink served as one of the judges.

"As a judge, we are looking at how crisp

and proper they maneuver facing movements," he said.

Heidebrink is the hospital's senior administration noncommissioned officer.

"Proper technique is essential," Heidebrink said as he explained how the guidon bearer raises the guidon slightly just before making a facing movement and returns it to the ground when the movement is complete.

"This action is almost transparent to most people watching, but that is to what detail we judge the Soldiers," Heidebrink said.



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Pfc. Christopher Kroll lunges with the guidon as part of his freestyle portion of the MEDDAC competition. Kroll's entire freestyle segment was choreographed to music. His fellow competitors (left to right) Pfc. Lola Logan, Pfc. Andre Jeffreys and Spc. Armando Delgado, await their turn.



Spc. Armando Delgado



Pfc. Chris Kroll



Pfc. Lola Logan



Pfc. Andre Jeffreys

## Assault kitchen serves heat-on-the-move field feeding

By Curt Biberdorf  
Army News Service

NATICK, Mass. — The ability to quickly feed hot meals to forward-deployed, fast-moving warfighters is what the Army will gain when the Assault Kitchen delivers its heat-on-the-move capability to the field.

Intended to replace the "Kitchen, Company Level Field

Feeding" beginning in 2007, the Assault Kitchen will provide a better way to feed company-sized military units, according to officials.

The Assault Kitchen was developed by the Food Service Equipment Team under Product Manager Force Sustainment Systems at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass.

"The KCLFF is an assortment of odds and ends. Many times,

frontline units don't take it to the field other than a component here and there," said Doug Brown, a mechanical engineer and project officer for the Assault Kitchen.

"They tend to not want to operate with the whole system because of the setup involved. It takes more time and effort to use when compared to the AK."

The Assault Kitchen consists of a Humvee and trailer packed with equipment that either eliminates,

transfers or replaces the collection of loose KCLFF items with a setup where every component has its place on a mobile platform.

A Humvee carries six insulated beverage containers, three pan carriers to keep food trays warm, five insulated food containers, a 5-gallon fuel can, fire extinguisher, utensil box, maintenance kit

for the ration heater and a ration heater to prepare Unitized Group Ration-Heat and Serve tray packs or No. 10 food-service cans strapped into the cargo area.

A trailer carries eight water cans, an ice chest, three tables, cargo netting to hold tray pack boxes, stock pots, a cradle for use in preparing hot beverages and an

awning to cover the serving area during bad weather.

The heart of the AK is its ration heater, officials said. It uses non-developmental and commercial technology that allows operation on common battlefield fuels and it draws electricity generated from the Humvee through a mounted power inverter.

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# Reserves hone land navigation during training

By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

The 1013th Quartermaster Battalion, a reserve unit of Soldiers hailing from Kansas, Nebraska, Florida and Ohio, executed land navigation training Oct. 13 and 14 in preparation for an expected deployment before the end of the year.

Three squads bussed to Training Area 24 at different times throughout the two days. They were divided into about 10 buddy teams and assigned three points to find within the training area.

"We need training like this in case we were ever separated from our convoy, so we can find our way back to the group," said Spc. Chad Gaber. "I feel this is very necessary to what we are doing."

"Anytime you find yourself in a foreign country, you want to be able to know where you are," said Spc. Stephanie Maiden. "That's why this type of training is so important for all Soldiers to know, especially before a unit gets activated like this."

Neither Soldier was positive whether their Military Occupational Specialty would require them to read a map, but agreed that it was a skill worth having. The general mission of a quartermaster unit is to set up field show-ers, provide laundry service and other forms of support for combat Soldiers in the field.

Upon receiving the six-digit grid points, each team was responsible for plotting them on an enlarged map of the training area. A classroom land navigation refresher the previous day helped Soldiers correctly find their compass directions and distances.

"The beginning is the most important part," Maiden said. "All your future decisions depend on the first one, so one calculation can lead you astray."

Having plotted their point and found the direction they must travel, the Soldiers began walking through the training area, some-times as far as two kilometers. Soldiers were ordered to report back at a specified time regardless of success, ensuring they would only spend two hours outside.

The hardest part, according to Gaber, was finding their way through sometimes nearly impass-able foliage.

"The only thing that was diffi-cult was making sure we get back on track after we circumvent obstacles," he said. "Shooting an azimuth will only give you a straight line, and sometimes a straight line isn't the easiest way to go."

Gaber and Maiden, who hadn't performed this type of field train-ing since basic combat training, found this refresher especially helpful for what might be required.

"A refresher is definitely always helpful," Gaber said. "This also helps to keep the morale up within the unit. Being out here with everybody else and seeing each other work is a good way to keep the unit together."



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## Honoring 'Ike'

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy (right), commanding general of the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, and 24th Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela, set a wreath at the tomb of Dwight D. Eisenhower in Abilene during ceremonies honoring the former president and general of the armies' birthday.



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## Community news briefly

### Society hosts book signing

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will host a book signing by authors of "Images of Fort Riley," a paperback volume containing 200 historical photos of the post from the mid-1800s to modern times.

Co-authors Bill McKale, curator of the post museums and Robert Smith will be on hand at 7 p.m., at the U.S. Cavalry Museum to sign copies of the books and talk with those attending the event. Books will be available for purchase at the museum.

### Trick or treat times set

Col. John Simpson, Fort Riley garrison commander, has set Halloween trick or treat hours on post from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31. A witch's wail siren will signal the end of trick or treating.

### Trooper parents plan meeting

Trooper Pride parents will meet at 7 p.m., Oct. 25 in Fort Riley Middle School's media center.

Membership in Trooper Pride is free and open to parents, staff and community members who want to support the school, promote positive communication between the school and the community and to contribute to the learning of all Fort Riley Middle School students.

For more information, call 784-4475.

### BOSS plans haunted house

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will sponsor a haunted house for the Fort Riley community from 7 to 10 p.m., Oct. 28-30 in Building 725.

The "Come If You Dare Haunted House" will be divided into two sections - a scary section for adults and a child's section with games, prizes and candy. Cost is \$3 per person at the door.

The haunted house event serves single soldiers, the community and generates BOSS program funds to offset future event costs. All monies raised at BOSS events are used to improve the program.

For more information, call BOSS at 239-8147 or Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing at 239-2179.

### Latinos plan holiday dinner

The Geary County Latino Association is inviting all those who are far away from family and friends to a family Thanksgiving dinner from 2 to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center, 1107 Spring Valley Road in Junction City.

Cost is \$5 per person 8 years old or older. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. All funds will be used to defray cost of future association activities.

To order tickets or for more information, call 762-2703 or 238-8290.

### Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

## Teens discuss their concerns

Annual conference seeks to identify ways to improve family life on post

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Two groups of teenagers gathered Oct. 16 at the Fort Riley Teen Center to discuss their concerns and recommend ways to improve those perceived problems during

the annual teen conference sponsored by the Family Action Plan.

They will present recommendations for improvements to the commanding general and garrison staff during an outbrief Oct. 22 at Riley's Conference Center.

The adult conference members also will present recommended

solutions Oct. 22 to issues they discussed Oct. 21 and 22.

Becky Willis, Family Action Plan coordinator, arranged the conferences aimed at discovering issues that concern Fort Riley teens and adults. She invited conferees to air concerns about Fort Riley and Army family life in

general.

She sends issues and recommendations relating to the Army in general to the Army-level Family Action Plan conference conducted each year.

The middle school teens began the day with 29 issues. They initially narrowed that to five topics

of most concern to them, including:

- Allowing deployed Soldiers to return for high school graduations.

- Keeping the hours at post facilities the same during deployment.

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## Day for play

### Fort Riley Scouts' Olympics start year with fun

Staff report

More than 90 Fort Riley Girl Scouts started their year with Olympic Day fun Oct. 16, at the Scout Hut near Marshall Army Airfield.

Participation was down about 30 girls because some families of Soldiers recently returned from Iraq were still on leave, said Pam Woodruff, service unit coordinator for the post.

Girl Scouts expects the number of Girl Scouts active in troops on post to

increase to usual numbers once those families' vacations end.

In the meantime, the Girl Scouts taking part in the Saturday Olympic Day events showed they were having lots of fun while competing for event prize ribbons that would be handed out to winners at the end of the day.

Events included a timed race through a tunnel of large cardboard boxes, golfing for highest score, a water balloon relay, a race with three Girl Scouts dressing a fourth Scout in military poncho, rubber gloves and boots, an obstacle course, a potato sack race, water bucket relay, tin can knock down, ping pong toss, wooden puzzle board, Statue of Liberty race, football toss, and bean bag throw.



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Adriana Gonzalez (center) laughs while other Junior Girl Scouts in her Troop 536 try to put a military poncho on her. Taking part in the race during Girl Scout Olympic Day at Fort Riley Oct. 16 were Andraya Speranza (right), Kaija Wessel (white shirt) and Allie Franken.

## Events emphasize awareness

Displays promote domestic abuse prevention

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

"Someone is abused every 15 seconds" reads one poster on the bulletin board of the waiting area at the Soldier and Family Support Center, home of the Fort Riley Family Advocacy Program staff.

The fact is an eye opener, but it refers to a national statistic, not life at Fort Riley.

Still, post officials take domestic violence seriously. That's why the Family Advocacy Program exists, said Carolyn Tolliver-Lee, one of the people working with the program on post.

Tolliver-Lee and her co-workers strive to promote overall fam-

ily wellness by informing families of programs that will help them deal with situations that could cause physical, emotional and mental abuse, she said.

The efforts appear to be working, she said. She and her co-workers have seen an increase in recent months in the number of spouses and parents seeking them out for ways to learn how to deal with the unique stresses military life places on families.

"We see more walk-ins during deployments and right after redeployments," Tolliver-Lee said.

"During deployments we're seeing more interest in enrolling in parenting classes," she said, "and that's a good thing."

"More spouses are concerned about reunions and trying to maintain lines of communication and nurturing long-distance relationships during deployments," she said. It's gratifying to see so many seeking help and even more important to know that the word is getting out that help is available, she said.

The FAP staff capitalized on October being Domestic Violence Prevention Month to put the word out even more. They have coordinated a number of events and activities to spread local awareness of spouse abuse and neglect as well as child abuse and neglect. They scheduled classes such as



This red silhouette was one of two displayed in the post commissary entrance to increase public awareness of domestic violence.

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## Riley adds aides in effort to help

FORSCOM assistants aim to serve units, families

Staff report

U.S. Forces Command created the Family Readiness Group Assistant Program this year. Fort Riley has two FRG assistants - Carren Ziegenfuss and Shelley Burge.

Ziegenfuss and Burge provide assistance to commanders, volunteer FRG leaders and families.

The FRG assistants are developing a Family Readiness Handbook. This handbook will provide resources and contact information for the families of Fort Riley.

They also hope to make the handbook available on Fort Riley's Internet home page.

The FRG assistants are also developing a battle book for FRG leaders, Ziegenfuss said. The book will contain lessons learned by FRGs at Fort Riley and be provided to FRG leaders in the future. For example, "the 1st Bde. has already created an SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) for hanging banners and other things," she said.

In the meantime, Ziegenfuss and Burge respond to requests for help by "doing the leg work" for commanders and FRG leaders, Ziegenfuss said. They make phone calls and track down resources.

The FRG assistants share an office at the Soldier and Family Support Center, but each has separate responsibilities.

Ziegenfuss is assigned to the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) as the program's site manager for Fort Riley. Burge is assigned to help the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

Neither assistant limits her assistance to those organizations, however. "They work hand-in-glove with Army Community Services," said Maj. Steve Cornelius, the 24th Inf. Div. deputy G1. The program falls under the general supervision of the division G1, who has overall responsibility for the FORSCOM program at Fort Riley.

FORSCOM placed FRG assistants at several installations this year to enhance and support the link between the division commander, rear detachment commanders and volunteer FRG leaders, Cornelius said.

The FORSCOM assistants help commanders and FRG leaders but they don't assume the responsibilities of commanders and FRG

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## Community news briefly

### Spouses' clubs plan craft fair

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club and Enlisted Spouses' Club are organizing a Christmas craft fair in Hangar 817 at Marshall Army Air Field Nov. 20.

Money raised from the fair will be contributed to the Fort Riley Combined Scholarship Fund.

Fort Riley private organizations and informal fund activities will be able to sell food and beverages. Vendors are invited to sell art, crafts and collectable items. Vendors may rent booth space for \$50 for each 10-foot by 10-foot booth.

For more information about the fair and booths, call Christy Pribyla at 717-3008, Christina Humphreys at 463-5436 or Sherri Miller at 770-9219.

### Library hosts storytime hour

Children are invited to the Fort Riley Library, Building 5306, for weekly Storytime hours beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoons. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. A light snack and juice will be served.

On Oct. 23, children can join the library staff to read "Trick or Treat, Smell My Feet" and "Apples and Pumpkins."

The "Cat in the Hat" will visit the library from noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 30. Ashley Griffith will portray this favorite Dr. Seuss character. Every child will receive a treat bag and costumes may be worn. Featured stories will be "Halloween Hats" and "The Cat in the Hat."

For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-9582.

## Scouts play on Olympic Day



Ella Burrows of Daisy Troop 40 exits the cardboard box tunnel while racing at Girl Scout Olympic Day at Fort Riley Oct. 16.

Alyssa Trent of Brownie Troop 309 runs through the tires of the obstacle course during Girl Scout Olympic Day at Fort Riley Oct. 16.

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Naomi Hunter (right) and Brittany Cook of Junior Troop 522 compete in the sack race during Girl Scout Olympic Day at Fort Riley Oct. 16.

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## AAFES hikes admission

DALLAS – Army and Air Force Exchange Service ticket prices have increased for the first time in 10 years. Admission prices for adults increased by 50 cents and children ticket prices increased by 25 cents on Oct. 15.

"The new AAFES Reel Time theater admission prices are still more than 33 percent lower than the 2003 average commercial prices posted on the

National Association of Theater Owners Web site, making AAFES theaters one of the best entertainment bargains available to troops," said Richard Shelf, vice president, food and theater division.

For theaters in the United States, the prices will be capped at no more than \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children. The minimum admission rate for both is 99 cents.

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## Community news briefly

### Chapel plans fall festival

Morris Hill Chapel's Gospel Service congregation is planning Hallelujah Night, an inspirational fall festival, from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 30 at the chapel. Refreshments will be served.

Admission will be free, but non-perishable food items would be appreciated. The items will be used to help needy families in the Fort Riley community during Thanksgiving.

### Crafts center sets classes

**Oct. 24 and 31** – 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrapbooking get-together

**Oct. 25** – 6:30 p.m., basket weaving

**Oct. 26** – 6:15 to 8:45 p.m., beginning sewing

**Oct. 26** – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood class projects (kitchen island)

**Oct. 26** – 6 to 9 p.m., introduction to matting and framing  
For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

### At the movies:

The Barlow Post Theater Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for Children 5 to 11 years old and free for children under age 5, except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

**Oct. 22** – Cellular (PG-13)  
**Oct. 23** – Paparazzi (PG-13)

**Oct. 24** – Napoleon Dynamite (PG)

**Oct. 28** – Cellular (PG-13)  
**Oct. 29** – Hero (2004) (PG-13)

**Oct. 30** – Sky Captain and The World Of Tomorrow (PG)  
For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.



Post/Heronemus

High school teens discuss ways to improve outdoor recreation equipment on post during the annual teen Family Action Plan conference at the Teen Center Oct. 16.



Post/Heronemus

Post middle school students discuss ground rules for presenting ideas about their concerns during the Family Action Plan conference Oct. 16

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ments.

- Offering more on-post jobs for teens.
- Offering free dental care for families at all Army installations.
- Improving contracts with movers so there is less breakage and theft.

One of the conferees commented he had lost almost all of his things during a move to Germany.

Of those five issues, the middle school conferees would pick the three they were most concerned about and suggest ways to improve those situations.

High School conferees narrowed their original 14 issues to three and had completed discussion on the highest priority – improving outdoor recreation facilities on post – before breaking for lunch.

The other two issues they planned to discuss after lunch were improving employment and job shadowing opportunities on post and providing a better variety of merchandise in existing Army and Air Force Exchange System stores.

# AAFES drops uniform prices

By Diane Weed  
AAFES PAO

Prices for most issue uniform items sold at Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales stores decreased on Oct. 1.

The annual Defense Supply Center Philadelphia price changes went into effect and the overall prices for issue items dropped by a little more than 1 percent.

"This year, the temperate battle dress uniform coats and the Air Force men's and women's light-

weight jackets are the only items with any significant price increase, and that increase is less than \$4 per item," said Hazel Green, DSCP planner at AAFES headquarters.

AAFES never makes a profit on DSCP items because they're always sold at cost. So any price decreases or increases are determined by the DSCP and passed along to the customers via AAFES stores.

The DSCP is the sole military supply source for issue merchandise. DSCP items sold by AAFES made up 57 percent of the total

MCSS's sales in fiscal year 2003. In addition to DSCP items, AAFES offers higher-quality optional items in order to give customers more choice.

On the other end of the spectrum, AAFES offers Exchange Select insignia products that sell for 30 to 60 percent less than name-brand equivalents.

"If you can't find what you are looking for, let your MCSS manager know so they can get the item you need." Our MCSS managers have a said David Lumbley, divisional merchandise manager for MCSS.

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"Love and Logic Parenting" and "My Parent Is Back from Iraq," which will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 23 at the Soldier and Family Support Center.

The FAP staff also placed several displays of material providing information about different aspects of abuse and neglect around post, and they will be attending Family Fun Night at Rally Point Oct. 22 to pass out information.

Another display was placed in the entrance to the Post Commissary Oct. 12-16. Two red silhouettes standing in the entrance

symbolized two women who suffered domestic violence. The "Silent Witness" images bore a brief description of each woman's case.

They were part of a larger exhibit in Manhattan sponsored by the Manhattan Business and Professional Women and the

Manhattan/Riley County Domestic Violence Task Force.

Information about FAP and classes available to help spouses and parents also are available on the Fort Riley Home Page on the Internet, Tolliver-Lee said.

"We're trying to be more visible in the community," she said.

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leaders, Ziegenfuss said. "We keep commanders and FRG leaders informed of issues that are brought to our attention," she said.

"Our task is to help people find ways to solve their family problems. We want to provide the information that will empower families to take care of their own problems," she said.

Part of that empowerment is provided during classes the FRG advisers give to FRG leaders and new commanders.

"We want to make sure FRG leaders have contact information (for helpful resources) and information about available programs and training classes," Ziegenfuss said.

"'Help' is the key word," Cornelius said. "We serve as facilitators for them. But, once a person is referred (to a source for help) they will get the help needed because those resources have been researched, and we know they can provide whatever help is needed," he said.



*Post/Heronemus*

Sgt. Joseph Lee of Company A, 101st Forward Support Battalion, helps his daughters, Jocelyn (right), 5, and Jennifer Nicole, 6, pick out Beanie Bopper dolls while waiting for the 1st Brigade redeployment ceremony to start Oct. 2. FORSCOM FRG Assistant Shelley Burge has been distributing the donated dolls.

### Carren Ziegenfuss

- Former Army lieutenant
- Army spouse past seven years

Involved with Family Readiness Groups since married

- Husband deployed twice, once without child at home, once with child at home

Army Family Team Building instructor past 2 1/2 years

- Volunteer Domestic Violence Victim Advocate at Fort Knox, Ky.
- Phone: 239-5785

### Shelley Burge

- Volunteer on post

Army Family Team Building instructor

- Husband has been deployed once (within a week after arriving at Fort Riley)

- Phone 239-4834

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### Army One Source offers help for coping with terrorism fears

Reports about an increased risk of terrorism attacks are making many of us feel anxious and afraid. The specific nature of these recent threats may cause even more worry for those who live and work near the areas that have been upgraded to "high risk."

The most effective way to manage these fears is to concentrate on the things over which we have control — to stay informed of official precautions, for example, and make decisions about how or when to commute to work.

Log on to [www.armyonesource.com](http://www.armyonesource.com) to download these informative Life Articles:

- Coping with Fear of Terrorism and War
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## Sports news in brief

### Rec center sets turkey shoot

The sixth annual Fort Riley turkey shoot will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Outdoor Recreation Center, 9011 Rifle Range Road. Cost to shoot in the Turkey/Junior Turkey Shoot will be \$5 per shot. Cost for the Master/Junior Master Gunner event will be \$10 per person. Skeet shooting will be available during the day for a cost of \$3 for 25 clay pigeons. Shells are not included in the cost.

Archery familiarization, a shooting skills video game and an inflated moonwalk will be available at no charge.

Five people will compete at a time in the turkey shoot. The most hits "in the red" wins a turkey.

The Junior Turkey Shoot will be conducted the same way for those 16 years and younger. Only 20-gauge shotguns will be used.

Competitors for Master Gunner and Junior Master Gunner will shoot at the same type target used in the Turkey Shoot with most hits "in the red" determining the Master Gunner winner and most pellets in the target circle determining the Junior Master Gunner winner.

For more information, call 239-2249.

### Youth hoop sign-up begins

Sign-up for youth basketball teams will be conducted Nov. 12.

For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 239-9173.

### Post wrestling tournament set

The 2004 Fort Riley Post Wrestling Tournament will be Nov. 15-17 at King Field House. Competition starts at 6 p.m. nightly. A battalion may organize one men's team and one women's team, each consisting of 10 wrestlers. Coaches and wrestlers can attend a clinic beginning at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 3 in the field house.

All wrestlers pass a physical exam within two weeks of the initial mandatory weigh-in scheduled for Nov. 15. A copy of the physical must be turned in at the time of the weigh-in.

All wrestlers must make the weigh-in between 8 and 10 a.m. Nov. 15 in order to be eligible to compete.

For more information, call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

### Pool staff offers swim lessons

The staff at Eyster pool will offer parent and tot clinics from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Oct. 23. Sign-up for swimming lessons at Eyster pool began Oct. 4. Lessons will be conducted Oct. 25-28.

For more information, call the pool at 239-9441.

### Aerobics time offered on post

Aerobics classes are offered at King Field House from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Aerobics classes cost \$2 per class if paid in advance. November classes will cost a total of \$10.50.

No classes will be conducted Nov. 11 or Nov. 25 because of holidays.

For more information, call 239-2813.

## Army finishes runner-up in golf

### Air Force overcomes early Army lead to win Armed Forces championship

By Zach Mott  
Army News Service

FORT CARSON, Colo. — The Army finished second in the 2004 Armed Forces Golf Championships at Fort Carson, Colo., Sept. 20 to 24, behind the Air Force.

Air Force Capt. Jeff Scohy of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, claimed the overall men's title with a 283 total. Air Force 2nd Lt. Karin Tjelmeland of Lajes Air Base, Azore Islands, finished first for the women with a score of 341.

Air Force made a clean sweep for the team title with a score of 2,793, followed by Army (2,842), Navy (3,000) and Marine Corps (3,096).

Entering the final day of play, Scohy held a two-stroke lead over Air Force teammate Tech. Sgt. Brian Billingsly of Robbins Air Force Base, Ga. He finished with a three-stroke victory over Billingsly and was five strokes ahead of third-place finisher Army Sgt. Chris Douglas of Fort Bragg, N.C.

Tjelmeland finished one stroke ahead of Army Capt. Shelley Sanders of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Lt. Col. Mark Johnson (300), Maj. Michael Armstrong (302), Capt. Nick Schommer (303) and Chief Warrant Officer Samuel Solomon (304) rounded out the Army men's team.

Sgt. Stephanie Mann (356) and Capt. Sunny Mitchell (359) completed the Army women's team.

## 3 overtimes

### Support team secures title in flag league

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

It took three overtimes for Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 125th Forward Support Battalion, to secure their undefeated season and the Northern League flag football crown, but they managed to pull away with the 49-48 victory against Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, Oct. 13.

"This game and the one versus the MPs were our toughest games of the year," said FSB coach Lorenzo Laster. "Our running game was strong. We brought the horses out this time."

FSB team scored the lone touchdown of the first quarter in three plays, the final one being a run off a reverse to Tommy Williams. The extra point throw was incomplete.

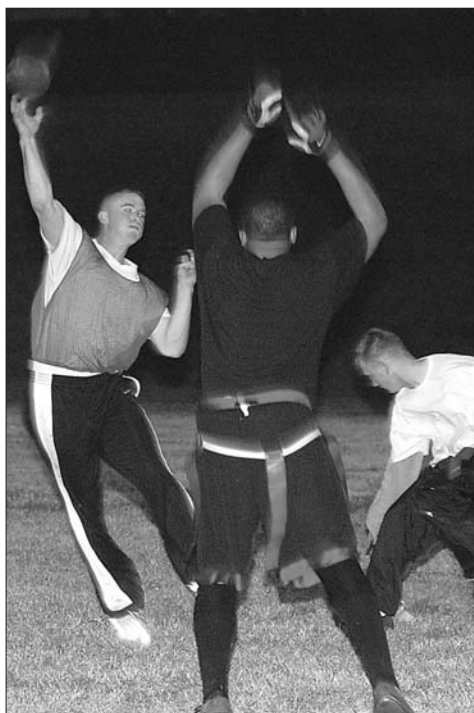
Running the ball for much of the first quarter, the Infantrymen scored the first drive of the second quarter but also failed to tack on the extra points, leaving the game knotted at 6-6.

Michael Wallace turned the next play into an FSB touchdown, running 60 yards. A false start on the two-point conversion brought the team back five yards and they failed again to add extra points.

FSB sack master Joseph Mupo racked up two of his five sacks in the first two plays of the next drive. The Infantrymen were unable to recover from the yard losses and were forced to punt.

FSB picked up the ball at the 30-yard line and kept possession for the last five plays of the half. They eventually made it down to the two-yard line, but the final pass attempt failed in the end zone.

The Infantrymen threw two near interceptions to start the second half but recovered to score a touchdown on a two-pass



Paul Bryant of Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., passes over the outstretched arms of 125th FSB defender Marlos Dillard who gets to Bryant before his teammate, Joseph Mupo in a flag football game Oct. 13.

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## Walleye pro tour selects Milford

By Julie Magnuson  
Media coordinator

After 15 years of successful walleye tournaments throughout the United States, the In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail announced an engagement in Kansas in 2005. This will mark the first time on Milford Lake for the world's top-ranked walleye anglers.

"Kansas will get the World Series of Walleye Fishing, the PWT Mercury Championship," said Jim Kalkofen, PWT executive director. The championship is the ultimate survival test after competing all year long on the tour, and only the pros that performed at the top of their games will be invited.

Working closely with the Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau and many local supporters, the Mercury Championship plans are developing. Many volunteers will step in and assist, all under the coordination of the CVB.

Pro anglers will fish with an observer present (50 volunteers required daily), for a cash purse in excess of \$300,000.

"We are not going to be surprised to see numerous six- to 10-pound walleyes being brought to the weigh-in," said Rick Dykstra of the Geary County CVB and an avid angler.

The PWT is limited to the top 120 pro anglers by invitation, and that means only 120 amateur spots are available. Call PWT headquarters at (218) 824-2542 for entry blanks.

This season's action is featured on the Outdoor Channel. Shows air at 7:30 p.m. Monday, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and 11 p.m. Thursday central times through March 2005.

## Equipment operators dethrone MEDDAC

### First win comes against undefeated team

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

In their first win of the season, 568th Combat Support Equipment defeated the previously unbeaten Medical Department Activity team 27-21, in Southern League flag football play Oct. 14 in Sturgis Stadium on Main Post.

"It feels wonderful," said Coach Sharon McClarkin. "Considering they're like the No. 1 team, they win every other year, this is a huge win. The whole team, everyone came together. I was impressed."

This was the second double-header for 568th CSE during the season. Playing that first game actually helped the Engineers play better, McClarkin said, even though they lost to Detachment D,

15th Personnel Services Battalion, 26-14.

"It was all adrenaline. The first was kind of a warm-up game. We started off slow, but we came back in the second game fired up, ready to play," he said.

MEDDAC struck first in the battle, controlling the ball for seven plays. Quarterback and coach Forika McDougald ran the ball twice before passing to John Kurtz, who made it to the 22-yard line. After running the ball for a first down, McDougald threw to Alifranzo Davis for the touchdown and then tacked on the extra point from three yards out.

Timothy Johnson made a one-handed snag at the 35-yard line on the Engineers' first offensive drive. Quarterback Vince Vallejos then ran the ball to the 20-yard line, where the Engineers rode out

the first quarter scoreless.

After a five-yard gain on the first play of the second quarter, Vallejos launched the ball to Joshua Drews for the touchdown. A complete extra point play tied the game at 7-7.

MEDDAC worked its way to the 15-yard line where Kevin Joyce caught the touchdown pass. Kurtz squeezed his way into the end zone for the extra point.

The Engineers drove back with Vallejos at the helm. Five plays and 60 yards later, Vallejos ran in for the touchdown, but his extra point throw was smacked down by the Medics to end the half with the Engineers down 14-13.

On the third quarter's first play, Joyce intercepted an Engineer throw and returned the ball for a

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Quarterback Vince Vallejos of 568th CSE tries to run past MEDDAC defender George Rush as 568th's Sharon McClarkin trails the action Oct. 14.





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play that ended in the hands of Tito Vazquez. They failed again, however, to gain the extra points.

FSB responded with a touchdown in three plays, off a pass from Laster to Chauncey Julius Laster tackled on FSB's first extra points of the game.

The Infantrymen took the final four plays of the quarter and marched to the opponents' 17-yard line. After a dropped pitchout from quarterback Paul Bryant and a false start penalty, Vazquez made a diving touchdown catch as the ball bounced

off a defender's shoulder. A quick pass from Bryant added the extra points and again the game was tied.

Five plays later, FSB reclaimed the lead with a touchdown and a successful extra points attempt.

Not willing to hand over the game, the Infantrymen went to the air and groaned with disappointment when their second pass was nearly caught in the end zone.

Adrian Lopez juggled the fourth-down bomb thrown by Bryant and held onto it at the five-yard line, but it wasn't good

enough for the Infantrymen, who had to reach the end zone, to keep possession.

FSB's Wallace took over play and ran the ball down to mid-field to end the fourth quarter.

Still tied, the two teams had four plays each to produce a win. FSB took the ball first and Laster scored a touchdown on the second down.

A defensive holding penalty during the extra points attempt moved the ball closer to the end zone and Wallace ran it in from there for two more points.

FSB's defensive penalties gave the Infantrymen 20 unearned yards and helped them score on their fourth play. Bryant ran in the extra points to tie the game again.

In double overtime, FSB produced a touchdown in two plays but botched the extra points attempt.

The Infantrymen hit pay dirt on their first play, but also failed to score the extra points.

The Infantrymen ran the ball first in the third overtime period, and Shawn Robinson scored a

touchdown on the first play. Laster intercepted the extra point pass, however. FSB responded with a touchdown by Medell Davis on their first play.

The Infantry defense jumped offside on the 1-point attempt from three yards out, moving FSB closer to the end zone.

From there, Davis secured the victory with the conversion catch.

This was the last game for FSB. The unit heads to the National Training Center before tournament play begins.

## Touchdowns

### 125th FSB

Tommy Williams (1)  
Michael Wallace (2)  
Marlos Dillard (1)  
Lorenzo Laster (1)  
Medell Davis (1)  
Chauncey Julius (1)

### Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.

Tito Vazquez (5)  
Paul Bryant (1)  
Shawn Robinson (1)

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touchdown. McDougald ran in the extra point to take an eight-point MEDDAC lead, 21-13.

After a five-yard gain, a protecting-the-flag penalty cost the Engineers 15 yards. Valjeos made up most of the deficit with a pass to Billy Grace, who made it to the 37-yard line. After a 10-yard loss on a quarterback sack at the 30-yard line, Valjeos connected with Drews who ran in for the touchdown. The Engineers' two-point conversion was good to tie the score at 21.

McDougald then threw a MEDDAC pass to Joyce at the 38-yard line. Drews intercepted

McDougald's second pass attempt while on the run and ended the third quarter at the one-yard line.

"I had the first down and I was just trying to get the team involved. You don't want to take it - put everything on your back like that. You got six other guys running hard, playing with you. It's easy for me to run with it. But it's that team effort - that's what you're trying to get," McDougald

said. "I felt like I kind of cost us though."

The Engineers controlled the ball to start the fourth quarter. They used a 10-play drive to reach the Medics' 20-yard line before Grace ran in the game-winning touchdown.

In its first possession of the final quarter, McDougald ran and passed to George Rush at the 40-yard line. Rush took the ball to the two-yard line; but, with just one play left in the game, the Medics failed to produce a touchdown.

"They played a good game," McDougald said. "We really had a problem containing their quarterback. That hurt us. That's something we got to work on."

## Touchdowns

### MEDDAC

Alfranzo Davis (1)  
Kevin Joyce (2)

### 568th CSE

Joshua Drews (2)  
Vince Valjeos (1)  
Billy Grace (1)

## Custer Hill Lanes Bowling Results

(As of Oct. 12)

Friday Night Mixed League			Officers' Wives' Club League		
Team	Points Won	Points Lost	Team	Points Won	Points Lost
Red Dog Express	16.0	4.0	Queen Pins	13.0	3.0
Team 10	14.0	6.0	Bowidacious Babes	13.0	3.0
TGIF	12.0	8.0	Granmas On A Roll	8.0	8.0
OSIMA	11.0	9.0	Vacant Team	8.0	8.0
Team On A Mission	11.0	9.0	The Hot Flashes	7.0	9.0
Team 5	10.0	10.0	Babes With Balls	7.0	9.0
SE Strike Force	10.0	10.0	Strike Force	4.0	12.0
Team 9	9.0	11.0	Spare Balls	3.0	13.0
Crazy Eights	8.0	12.0	<b>High Game Handicap-To Date</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Survivors	7.0	13.0	The Hot Flashes		637
Only On Fridays	6.0	14.0	Babes With Balls		618
Vacancy Team	5.0	15.0	Queen Pins		618
Team 13	2.5	1.5	<b>High Series Handicap-To Date</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Team 14	1.2	2.5	Bowidacious Babes		1,773
<b>High Game Handicap-To Date</b>	<b>Score</b>		Strike Force		1,690
TGIF		946	NOTE: Custer Hill Lanes submits standings to the		
Crazy Eights		862	Fort Riley Post. Teams earn a point for each game		
<b>High Series Handicap-To Date</b>	<b>Score</b>		won plus one point is awarded to the team with		
OSIMA		2,521	the most pins in the three-game match. Teams		
Team On A Mission		2,467	receive a point lost for each game lost in a match.		

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## Leisuretime ideas

### Abilene:

**What:** Haunted Lebold Mansion. Second annual tales of the haunted home.

**When:** Tuesday through Sunday Oct. 22-31

**Where:** 106 N. Vine  
**For more information:** Call (785) 263-4356 or visit [www.Lebold-Mansion.com](http://www.Lebold-Mansion.com) on the Web.

### Wichita:

**What:** Asian Festival. Annual evening of cultural extravaganza. Folk music, dances, cultural demonstrations, martial arts, Miss Asia contest, and exotic food.

**When:** 5:30 to 10 p.m. Oct. 30

**Where:** 225 W. Douglas, Century II Convention Hall

**Admission:** Free

**For more information:** Call (316) 689-8729

### Burns:

**What:** Walters' Pumpkin Patch. A 15-acre pumpkin patch that grows the unusual pumpkins as well as the usual pumpkins, squashes and gourds. New in 2003 was the "land of the giants" and square pumpkin experiment. Gift shop holds fall and Christmas decorating items, and "free cut" four-acre corn maze challenges everyone. Punkin' chunkin' will test your aim with miniature pumpkins for ammunition.

**When:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday through Nov. 1

**Where:** 10001 NW U.S. Highway 77

**For more information:** Call

(316) 320-4150 or visit [www.walterspumpkinpatch.com](http://www.walterspumpkinpatch.com) on the Web.

### Benton:

**What:** Christmas at the Prairie Rose. An old-fashioned holiday evening. You're treated to a one-of-a-kind cowboy holiday outdoor light display, a Roy Rogers movie at the Happy Trails Theatre and, when weather permits, a cozy horse-drawn wagon ride. Great BBQ dinner and then the stage show with a visit from the Wrangler Santa Claus, also classic cowboy songs as well as timeless Christmas classics. The decor is Christmas with a warm fire in a big stone fireplace. Memories to last a lifetime. Reservations required.

**When:** 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 1 through Dec. 23

**Where:** 15231 SW Parallel Road

**Admission:** Adult \$25, Children 6-12 \$15, under 12 always no charge

**For more information:** Call (316) 778-2121 or visit [www.prairierosechuckwagon.com](http://www.prairierosechuckwagon.com) on the Web.

### Atchison:

**What:** Haunted Trolley Tour. Hour-long trolley tour of Most Haunted Town in Kansas narrated by costumed storyteller.

**When:** 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. Oct. 22-31

**Where:** 200 S. 10th Street, Santa Fe Depot

**For more information:** Call (913) 367-2427 or (800) 234-1854 or visit [www.atchisonkansanet.net](http://www.atchisonkansanet.net) on the Web.

## Spooks or spoofs?

### Annual Ghost Tours offer post's haunting history

#### Staff report

With Halloween just a few days away, thoughts may be turning to trick or treating, costumes, spooky decorations or ghosts and goblins.

Fort Riley ghost hauntings have been numerous and are recorded in two small books available at the U.S. Cavalry Museum.

Some of the stories are recounted each year while visiting the haunting sites during the 60- to 90-minute walking Ghost Tours sponsored by the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley.

The recorded stories tell of the nursery ghost, the window ghost, the stairwell people, the lady in black, the phantom in McGill Hall and the ghost horse seen galloping on post.

Scattered fog may have contributed to the eeriness of that night in the spring of 1985 when a military policeman, Staff Sgt. Byron Brownfield, was working the midnight shift as a patrolman.

Brownfield was traveling east on Huebner Road as scattered mists of fog drifted across the road from the Kansas River. He reported seeing something mov-



Post/Skidmore

**Horse, fog or ghostly apparition? A military policeman claims to have seen a gray horse cross the street in front of post headquarters one evening, but when he arrived at where it had stopped, he found nothing.**

ing in the vicinity of Building 500, the post headquarters. It crossed the road in the direction of the information booth.

What he saw appeared to be a gray riderless horse, clearly discernible despite the fog.

Brownfield knew horses were stabled on the post so he thought one of the animals had escaped from its pen and radioed the MP desk to give his report.

When he arrived at the point

where the horse had crossed the road, he found nothing, not even a trace of the animal's passing.

The horse had vanished and Brownfield decided not to make an official report about what he had seen.

This year's Ghost Tours begin at the Main Post Chapel. Hours of the tour are 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 24.

For more information about the tours, contact the Fort Riley Public Affairs at 239-3033.

#### If you go:

**Enter Fort Riley from the Ogden gate and stay on Huebner Road until reaching Barry Avenue. Turn left on Barry Avenue to the Main Post Chapel on the right side of the street.**

**Enter Fort Riley at the Interstate 70/Henry Drive gate and continue on Henry Drive to Holbrook Avenue. Turn left on Holbrook Avenue and continue to Morris Avenue. Go left on Morris Avenue to the next intersection - Godfrey Avenue - and turn left. Go to the end of the street and turn right on Barry Avenue until you reach the Main Post Chapel on the left side of the street.**

**Enter Fort Riley at the North Washington Street gate in Junction City. Continue on Trooper Drive to McCormick Road and turn right. Continue on McCormick Road and go under the overpass. At the light just after the overpass, turn left and continue into Main Post until reaching Barry Avenue. Turn right on Barry Avenue until you see the Main Post Chapel on the right.**

## Information, Ticketing, Registration offers fun deals

**Halloweenkends at Worlds of Fun** run through Oct. 31. The Magical House on Boo Hill is more likely to produce a smile than a scream. Trick-or-Treat Town promises a bag full of goodies for children. Plus, there are

live shows for all ages. ITR has Military discount tickets.

**Kansas City Chiefs tickets** are still available for the following home games: Oct. 31

against the Indianapolis Colts, Nov. 28 against the San Diego Chargers, Dec. 19 against the Denver Broncos and Dec. 25 against the Oakland Raiders. Tickets are \$60 or \$80, including coach bus transportation.

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